[*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 13].

Show cause notices are issued only after investigation reveals violation of any provisions of law.

Promotion of domestic tourism

297. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate steps have not been taken by Government to promote domestic tourism in the country for low budget tourists;

(b) if so, what steps are being contemplated by Government in this regard;

(c) what are the details of projects undertaken by Government for promotion of domestic tourism during the last three years; and

(d) whether Government propose to introduce some low budget packages for the domestic tourists and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) No. Sir. For the promotion of domestic tourism for low budget tourists, the Central Ministry of Tourism has established Bharatiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti, a registered society, which undertakes the construction, maintenance and management of Yatrikas/Musafirkhanas/ Dharamshalas in various parts of the country. Funds to the extent of 90 per cent of the cost of construction are provided by the Central Ministry of Tourism, the balance is raised by the Samiti through donations whereas the land is provided by the concerned State Governments. Yatrikas have already been constructed at Amarkantak, Chitrakoot, Bidar, Nandmehar, Kampil, Onkareshwar and Brindavan. Construction is in progress at 10 other places.

In addition, the Ministry of Tourism, during the last 3 years, have sanctioned the construction of 19 Yatri Niwases in various parts of the country. The Ministry of Tourism has provided funds for the construction of wayside amenities, tourist bungalows, forest lodges as well as vehicles/elephants for viewing wild life in various National Parks and wild life sanctuaries.

The Ministry of Tourism, during 1986-87, ran a publicity campaign for highlighting the lessser known but more affordable places for family holidays for low budget tourists. The "Discover India-Discover Yourself" slogan was brought out in stickers and posters apart from media advertisements to create general awareness amongst the people for the promotion of domestic tourism.

(d) The Central Ministry of Tourism does not operate package tours. However, India Tourism Development Corporation has introduced various package tours of 3 to 7 days duration on 6 different itineraries covering practically all parts of the country. In addition, they also operate city sight-seeing packages at various places of tourist interest.

Shifting of a Garbage site in South Extension, New Delhi

298. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2232 given in the the Rajya Sabha on the 27th November, 1986 and state:

(a) what efforts have been made by Government to make available a suitable site for dumping of garbage in some other area;

(b) whether it is a fact that garbage site near N-11 and 13, South Extension Part-I is creating pollution and is a health hazard to the public;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the office of American Embassy is located just opposite this garbage site and the Embassy officials have often protested against its continuance there; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken (a) It has not been possible to some other area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) It has not been possible to locate an alternative site for dumping the garbage.

(b) The refuse is collected regularly to avoid insanitation and pollution.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The owner of H. No. 13, South Extension Part-I has filed a suit in the Court and matter is subjudice.

Persons Killed by terrorists in Punjab

299. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons killed at different places in Punjab by terrorists since the imposition of President's rule there;

(b) what is the number of terrorists killed/wounded in that State during this period;

(c) what is the number of security personnel killed/seriously wounded by terrorists during the above period; and

(d) what steps are being taken to improve the law and order situation and eliminate terrorism in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) During the period 12th May, 1987 to 22nd July, 1987, 224 persons, including 21 policemen, were killed due to terrorist activities in Punjab, 104 terrorists were killed in the State during the period.

The information regarding the number of terrorists and policemen injured is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The steps taken to improve law and order situation and to curb terrorist activities in Punjab include raid on the hide-outs of terrorists, their harbourers and associates; deployment of para-military forces; intensification of police patrolling, confering of powers of search arrests, etc. under the Armed Forces (Punjab and Chandigarh) Special Powers Act, 1983, to para-military forces, and strengthening of security arrangements on the border

Forest Depletion

300. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:
SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rate at which forests are being depleted annually;

(b) as against the target of afforestation of 5 million hectares of land every year, what is the actual achievement during 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(c) what is the estimate of funds needed for taking up afforestation of land of 5 million hectares every year; and

(d) what are the reasons for the shortfall and what steps have been taken to improve the area under forest cover during the coming years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) According to studies of satellite